IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Rule 53(b) Divisional Application of 09/814,001:

IKARI, Masanori et al.

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Examiner: Matthew Graham (expected)

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For: APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING A PLURALITY OF HYDRAULIC

MOTORS AND CLUTCH

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

Date: July 21, 2003

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned Rule 1.53(b) Divisional application. Please amend this Rule 1.53(b) Divisional application as follows: